CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCES VACANCIES ON THE BEET CURLY TOP VIRUS CONTROL BOARD

SACRAMENTO, November 24, 2008 - The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Integrated Pest Control Branch is announcing two vacancies on the Beet Curly Top Virus Control Board. This advisory board makes recommendations to the CDFA Secretary on all matters pertaining to the Curly Top Virus Control Program.

The term of office for a board member is unlimited. The members receive no compensation, but are entitled to payment of necessary traveling expenses in accordance with the rules of the Department of Personnel Administration.

Vacancies are for a southern California member, District I; a coastal district member, District III; and a Sacramento Valley member, District IV representing beans, peppers, spinach, sugar beets, and/or tomatoes. Individuals interested in being considered for the board appointment should send a brief resume to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Integrated Pest Control Branch, 1220 N Street, Room 341, Sacramento, California 95814, Attention: Larry Bezark by Wednesday, December 24, 2008.

For additional information, visit the branch's web page at: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/ipc/curlytopvirus/ctv_hp.htm; or contact: Larry Bezark, Chief of Integrated Pest Control Branch at (916) 654-0768, by fax, (916) 653-2043, or e-mail lbezark@cdfa.ca.gov.